Multiple Choice: *The Salem Witch Trials*

Write the letter of the correct answer on the line before each item.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Before Salem, there were witch trials in Europe for

a. 19 years. b. 100 years.

c. 250 years. d. 300 years.

2. \_\_\_\_\_ The European country that held most of the trials was

a. Germany. b. France.

c. England. d. Italy.

e. all choices

3. \_\_\_\_\_ Before witch trials became wide-spread, early Christians

a. endorsed pagan practices.

b. tolerated pagan practices.

c. stomped out pagan practices.

d. sold tickets to pagan practices.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ The main power behind the enforcement of punishment for witchcraft in Europe came from

a. the church. b. the guilds.

c. the army. d. the king.

e. the courts.

5. \_\_\_\_\_ The formal inquiry into witchcraft practices was called the

a. Imposition. b. Inspiration.

c. Inquisition. d. Apparition.

e. Declaration.

6. \_\_\_\_\_ The official trials called witchcraft

a. heresy. b. confusion.

c. alliteration. d. imperfection.

e. fate.

7. \_\_\_\_\_ The number of people executed in Europe during the witch hunts and trials was

a. 14,000. b. 1,400.

c. 400,000. d. 40,000–50,000.

8. \_\_\_\_\_ The Pope responsible for setting up the Inquisition was

a. Pope Henry VIII. b. Pope Innocent X.

c. Pope Gregory IX.

9. \_\_\_\_\_ The Puritans who settled in New England in the 1660’s believed strongly in

a. Christmas. b. Halloween.

c. witches. d. the devil.

e. both c and d

10.\_\_\_\_\_ The Puritans came to America to set up

a. profitable restaurants.

b. profitable farms.

c. perfect societies based on the Bible.

d. Communities where witches were welcome.

11.\_\_\_\_\_ The people accused of being witches in New England during the 1600’s.

a. wore black hats and makeup.

b. rode broomsticks.

c. were dressed like everybody else.

d. were escaped convicts.

12.\_\_\_\_\_ People convicted of witchcraft in America in 1692 were

a. arrested.

b. re-trained.

c. tried by a judge.

d. killed.

13. \_\_\_\_\_ Puritans believed that to become a witch, a person had to

a. love Halloween.

b. sign a membership card.

c. pay dues to the European Witches Guild.

d. make a pact with the devil.

14. \_\_\_\_\_ Some people believed that once you became a witch, you received from the devil a

a. credit card. b. charter.

c. mark on your skin. d. a golden eye.

15. \_\_\_\_\_ People who were supposed to be witches had

a. turned their back on God. b. turned their back on the King.

c. given up being sane. d. seen the light.

e. both a and b

16. \_\_\_\_\_ People accused of being witches were tried and often convicted of

a. heresy. b. insanity.

c. stupidity. d. treason.

e. paranoia. f. a, b, and c

g. b and c h. c and d

i. a and d j. d and e

17. \_\_\_\_\_ The penalty for being convicted of witchcraft was

a. dunking in water.

b. death.

c. torture.

d. electrocution.

18. \_\_\_\_\_ People in New England in the late 1600’s were accused by their neighbors of

a. casting spells.

b. consorting with the devil.

c. singing underground.

d. being witches.

e. killing various farm animals.

f. a, b, and d

g. a, b, and c

19. \_\_\_\_\_ The first people accused of witchcraft were

a. ex-judges.

b. teachers.

c. poor, defenseless women.

d. rich powerful women.

e. escapees from the mental hospital.

f. female wrestlers.

20. \_\_\_\_\_ Puritan justice was based on the idea that people were

a. inherently good.

b. guilty until proven innocent.

c. innocent until proven guilty.

d. guilty by association.

e. sinful.

21. \_\_\_\_\_ People selected women for prime suspects as witches because women were

a. known to be curious about things they should leave alone.

b. lustful for the affections of the devil.

c. lowest on the social ladder.

d. easy targets.

e. all choices

f. a, b, and c

g. a and d

h. a, c, and d

22.\_\_\_\_\_ Puritans fell easy prey to the hysteria and paranoia of the witch hunts because they were

a. stupid. b. fearful.

c. distracted. d. content.